

Mayor's corner

It's spring...time to think about weeding flowerbeds and mowing lawns...and since April is Volunteer Month, it's also time to consider volunteering at the city! We have volunteers working in every department. I am confident that the city has a volunteer opportunity that would be to your liking!

Many outside activities need volunteers and with Arbor Day on April 22, you might want to celebrate by planting trees. Tigard is proud to be designated as a "Tree City USA." I plan to plant trees again this year with a group of grade school students – *now* that's a high energy group!

On a serious note, in May the Tigard Budget Committee will review next year's proposed budget. We will continue as many programs as possible, but with the current economic situation some programs will be reduced or eliminated. We have received a few suggestions for reductions. If you have ideas to offer, please do so now. We would like to hear from as many residents as possible so that the City Council and Budget Committee members can consider a wide range of interests when we make budget decisions.



Jim Griffith, Mayor

Tigard Honors Volunteers!!



A musical evening to benefit the new Tigard Public Library

What do library books and musical notes have in common? Come hear for yourself at "An Evening with Michael Allen Harrison," **Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Deb Fennell Auditorium of Tigard High School. Sponsored by the Tigard Public Library Foundation, the concert is a benefit for the new Tigard Library.

Harrison is an accomplished pianist/composer whose music ranges from movie scores to passionate arrangements for piano, orchestra, ballet, jazz, fusion, New Age and adult contemporary. Versatile vocalist Julianne R. Johnson will accompany the renowned pianist, along with percussionist Israel Annoh and bassist Phil Baker.

Proceeds from the concert will help buy books and other materials for the new library. For tickets, contact Jackie Dirksen at 503-620-4829 or inquire at the library. To learn more about the concert and the Foundation, log onto <http://libraryconcert.cjb.net>.



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CITY MEETING SCHEDULE:**City Council**

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
 Town Hall

Library Board

2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Library Puett Room

Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
 Town Hall

Intergovernmental Water Board

2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
 Tigard Water Building



April's "Focus on Tigard" airs Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. on TVTV Cable Channel 28. The program will replay throughout the month. For a complete schedule of broadcast times, visit the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us and click on the link under Focus on Tigard.

The program is designed to educate, inform and involve viewers in issues and programs that impact our community. Announcements on current and upcoming activities and events will also be included.

April - Code Enforcement / Court

- Find out about common spring time code violations and see examples.
- Learn what happens when a violation is reported.
- Hear what you should know if you receive a code violation citation.
- Learn what you can expect in court.

The Focus for Upcoming Months:

May: Volunteers/Youth/Library

June: Parks

July: Land Use 101

**Tune In! If you have Focus ideas,
 contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171, ext. 2412
 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us.**

TVTV Cablecast

Council business meetings are cablecast on Tualatin Valley Television channels as follows:

Live Coverage - (Comcast) Channel 28:
 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at
 7:30 p.m.

Replays of the most recent meeting air
 on Channel 21:

Thursdays*	9 a.m./11 p.m.
Fridays*	7 p.m.
Saturdays*	12 p.m.
Sundays*	4 a.m.

(*Following 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)

Potso Dog Park re-opens on weekdays

Potso Off-Leash Dog Park will re-open weekday afternoons on Monday, April 7. Park hours will be from 4:30 p.m. to dusk on weekdays and from dawn to dusk on weekends and some holidays.

Located on Wall Street off Hunziker Street, the park is a cooperative venture between the City of Tigard, Coe Manufacturing and the Tigard Dog Park Committee, a citizen group. It is one of three off-leash parks in Tigard.



Community outreach meetings

Check your calendar! Please plan to attend a meeting to give input on how your city can provide you with better service. These meetings will give Tigard Police Chief Bill Dickinson an opportunity to meet members of the community and hear your concerns and ideas about Tigard. In addition, a Tigard City Council member and representatives from other city departments will be on hand to answer questions. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will also be available to answer your fire safety questions.

Meeting information is listed below. Locations were selected to encourage neighbors to come together to discuss concerns particular to their area of the city. If you find, however, that the date for the meeting location nearest to you does not work with your schedule, please feel free to attend any of the other community gatherings. City representatives will be available beginning at **6:30**. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your questions answered. Meetings will begin promptly at **7 p.m.** and conclude at **8 p.m.** The dates and locations are on the following

Thursdays:

April 24	Templeton School 9500 SW Murdock Ave.
May 1	C. F. Tigard School 12985 SW Grant Ave.
May 8	Mary Woodward School 12325 SW Katherine St.
May 15	Metzger School 10255 SW 90 th Ave.

For more information, please contact Tigard Police Public Information Officer Jim Wolf at 503-718-2561.

Help stop illegal signs

The City of Tigard Sign Ordinance was established to protect the safety of the public and their property, to eliminate clutter and to promote a neat and orderly community. With educational programs, routine sign sweeps, verbal and written warnings and court citations, the number of illegal signs has dropped dramatically in the last two years. Still, illegal signs do sprout up and often in areas where a property owner has not granted permission.

The Tigard Municipal Code states that homeowners are responsible for the right of way next to their property. The right of way includes but is not limited to streets and sidewalks, meridians, drainage ditches, planter strips, private and public access ways, roadsides, utility poles and traffic control devices, and the areas in front of them. Aside from certain governmental signs like road signs, *no sign is allowed in the public right of way*. There is no permit, weekend safe zone, special group or type of sign that is exempt from this rule.

If a sign is in your yard or the right of way abutting your home without your permission, you can call the company advertised or just take the sign down. Signs can be dropped off, free of charge, Monday through Friday, at our public works yard at 12800 SW Ash Street.

If you need to display a sign, there are options for you. In residential zones, you may use a lawn sign (small sign on a stick) in your own yard, and in the yard of any residential property owner who gives you permission. In commercial and industrial zones, a 30-day permit for a temporary A-board or banner sign may be obtained for only \$15. Regardless of the zone or permit requirements, please remember, no sign is allowed in the public right of way. Display of illegal signs is a Class 1 Civil Infraction with potential penalties of \$250 per sign for first-time offenders.



Tigard establishing Park Board

Applications are being accepted for the new Tigard Park and Recreation Association Advisory Board that was recently established by the City Council. As with other Tigard boards and committees, this board will be advisory to the City Council. Terms are 4 years. The majority of members must reside within city limits. Members need to have some knowledge of Tigard parks and the recreational interests of the Tigard community.

Applications will be accepted through April 30. Application forms are available at www.ci.tigard.or.us, on the Volunteer Opportunities page, or in the City Hall Lobby. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171, ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.



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Life

News from the Tigard Library

Library Events Calendar

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10-10:30 a.m.	Preschool Stories & Crafts-Puett Rm
April 3, 10, 17, 24	10-10:30 a.m.	Little People Story Time with Louise (Ages 3 and under)-Puett Rm
April 4, 11, 18, 25	10-10:30 a.m.	Little People Story Time with Terri (Ages 3 and under)-Puett Rm
April 5	9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Red Cross Babysitting Certification Class \$34 (Reg.req'd)-Puett Rm
April 5, 12	9:30a.m.-4:30p.m.	AARP Tax Help (Reg. req'd/one-hour sessions)-Red Rock Creek Rm
April 6	2-3 p.m.	Cuban music, Roberto Gonzales Trio Town Hall
April 9	10-11 a.m.	Tater A. Peal the Clown in "Comical Catastrophes"-Town Hall
April 9	7-8 p.m.	Pay it Forward Book Group and author visit Puett Rm
April 10	Noon-1 p.m.	Pay it Forward Book Group-Puett Rm
April 11	7-8 p.m.	Friday Night Music with Innisfree Puett Rm
April 13	2-3 p.m.	Latin music, Lolo Rivas - Puett Rm
April 15	10-11:30 a.m.	New Parent Network Playgroup (Reg. req'd) -Town Hall
April 16	7-8:30 p.m.	Proof Through the Night Author visit Puett Rm
April 23	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Picture Book Science (Reg. req'd) Puett Rm
April 26	9:30 - noon	"When I'm in Charge" Red Cross Certification Class--\$18 (Reg. req'd)-Town Hall
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	4-6 p.m.	Homework Center (Grades 5-12) Young Adult Area

For more information on library programs, visit our web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us

Library programs are free unless noted otherwise. Some library programs require registration. To sign up, call 503-684-6537.

Proof Through the Night author visit

Wednesday, April 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Puett Room

K. P. Burke tells her father's personal accounts of WWII in her book "Proof Through The Night: A B-29 Pilot Captive In Japan." Ernest Pickett was one of the first B-29 bomber pilots, and his account of his 13 months of captivity as a prisoner of war, moved journalist Jim Lehrer to write, "Read it and weep, read it and be proud." Nominated for the Oregon Book award.



Spring into stories!

Preschool Stories and Crafts

Tuesdays, April 1 - May 6

10 to 10:30 a.m.

Puett Room, ages 3 to 6.

Preschool Stories and Crafts continue!

Join us each Tuesday at 10 a.m. for some great stories and art activities to usher in spring. Bring the whole family.

Little People Story Time

Thursdays, April 3 - May 1 with

Louise and Fridays, April 4 - May 9 with Terri, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Puett Room, ages 3 and under.

Little People Story Time on Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. brings to life songs and activities designed for children ages 3 and under to be shared with their favorite grown-up. Programs are free. No registration required.



AARP tax help @ your library

Saturdays, February 1 to April 12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room.

Volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons [AARP] will assist with tax return preparation for low-income individuals and senior citizens. Registration required, call for an appointment at 503-684-6537.



Hard Hat Report

How Does Your Library Grow?
By Margaret Barnes
Tigard Public Library Director

Spring has sprung. The air smells fresh. Blossoms surround us. What's next? How about planting a new library? Mark **Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m.** on your calendar for the groundbreaking, and read this column next month for details.

During the winter we planted the seeds for the new library. The architects worked with the public and the staff to design an imaginative library, which reflects the community. But a library is much more than bricks and mortar. The Tigard Library is alive with children learning the joy of reading, with adults finding information to better their lives, with people of all ages connecting with different cultures and perspectives.

A lively library needs nurturing to flourish. The Tigard Library Foundation has developed creative ways to raise money for books, artwork and furnishings for the new library. Their *Bricks for Books* campaign is intended to help pave the courtyard and buy books for the new library. A benefit concert with Michael Allen Harrison (see cover page) will also help the new library grow.

The Tigard Parks Division will hold a public meeting on the Fanno Creek Park Extension, Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall. If you are curious about how the parkland north of the library site will take shape, please plan to attend.

New parent network playgroup

Tuesday, April 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Town Hall. Registration required. Ages 9 months to 5 years.

Sheila M. Walker, M.A. from the New Parent Network- Department of Health & Human Services, will demonstrate fun and educational interactive parent-child activities including stories, songs, movement and play time. Call Sheila at 503-846-2139 to register.

Picture book science

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Puett Room, adults, free. Registration required

Using children's picture books, learn how to create simple science curriculum for preschoolers. Get tips on using library resources to build your own repertoire of activities. Program is for childcare providers seeking CDA credit. Parents are welcomed, too! This program sponsored by WCCLS. To register call presenter Angela J. Reynolds at 503-466-1894.

Innisfree returns

The luck of the Irish brings Celtic music duo Innisfree to the Tigard Public Library on **Friday, April 11, 7 to 8 p.m.** Brenda Searcy and Jim Loewenherz express their love of Celtic jigs and reels when playing the accordion, pennywhistle, guitar, concertina, mandolin and bodhran.



Clown in comical catastrophes

Wednesday, April 9, 10 to 11 a.m., Town Hall, all ages.

Celebrate National Library Week with Tater A. Peall! Tater the Clown is a young and imaginative prankster whose curiosity gets him in all sorts of trouble atop tall unicycles, juggling knives and juggling bowling balls, and who knows what else.



Music programs!

Roberto Gonzales Trio

Sunday, April 6, 2 to 3 p.m., Town Hall. Roberto Gonzales plays the tres, the mandolin and guitar, learned as a child in Havana, Cuba.

Lolo Rivas

Sunday, April 13, 2 to 3 p.m., Puett Room. Music From El Salvador on guitar, comarcita and others.

All ages welcome. Provided by a Library Services and Technology (LSTA) grant.

Washington County Reads events continue

Join author Catherine Ryan Hyde on **Wednesday, April 9 from 7 to 8 p.m.** for a discussion of her book *Pay It Forward*. We will also have a discussion on this book on **Thursday, April 10 from Noon to 1 p.m.** The author will NOT be present for the Thursday discussion.

For more information see the WCCLS Co-op newsletter or visit their web site at www.wilinet.wccls.lib.or.us





Subdivision proposals in Tigard

City staff periodically provides advance notice of potential subdivisions being contemplated in Tigard or its Urban Growth Area. Plans are only in preliminary stages and are based on pre-application conferences with the City of Tigard. Plans have not been finalized. It is possible that development will not occur immediately. If the applicant goes forward with the project, a neighborhood meeting will be scheduled by the developer/applicant prior to a formal application being made with the city. Notice of the meeting is sent to property owners within 500 feet of the proposed development. City staff can be contacted at 503-639-4171.

PROPOSAL #1

Tentative Project Name:

Kalamoiika Estates II

Subject:

2 parcels of .36 acres into 5 lots

Zoning:

R-12, 3,050 square foot lots

Location:

Lots 1 & 2 of Kalamoiika Estates Subdivision, on the corner of SW Pihass Court and SW 98th Avenue.

Contacts:

Developer/Applicant:

Steve Koski/J&S Concrete, Inc.
503-307-0236/503-538-8615

Applicant's Engineer:

Peter Magaro Architecture 503-579-2421

City Staff:

Morgan Tracy, Current Planning (zoning, development code & land use process issues)

Brian Rager, Engineering (public facilities & traffic issues)

PROPOSAL #2

Tentative Project Name:

"Un-Named"

Subject:

2 parcels of 1.74 acres into 10 lots

Zoning:

R-7, 5,000 square foot lots

Location:

15685 & 15715 SW Bull Mountain Road; on the north side of SW Bull Mtn Rd, across from Juliet Terrace.

Contacts:

Developer/Applicant:

Tom Pidcock 503-274-5929

Applicant's Engineer:

Matt Sprague/Alpha Engineering Inc.
503-452-8003

City Staff:

Brad Kilby, Current Planning (zoning, development code & land use process issues)

Brian Rager, Engineering (public facilities & traffic issues)



City of Tigard and SOLV team up

Volunteer Projects Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summerlake Park: Spread mulch around the recently planted trees to preserve moisture and discourage weeds during the dry months ahead. Define and protect soft trails with layers of barkchips. Meet at the parking lot on Winterlake Drive.

Fanno Creek Park: Remove blackberry vines and weeds in this park that extends from Hall Boulevard, north to Main Street. This will kick off the second phase of a four-year plan. Bring clippers if you have them and meet behind City Hall at 13125 SW Hall Blvd.

Derry Dell Creek at 115: Help make your community a better place to live. Continue the progress of volunteers who have made remarkable improvements to the creek's riparian area. Due to street closures in this area, be sure to call for directions.

SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter & Vandalism) and sponsors such as Portland General Electric, will provide resources such as safety glasses, bags, dumpsters, etc. to assist volunteers.

For more information, directions or to sign-up for one of the above projects, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171, ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

Book Sale donations

The Friends of the Tigard Library are preparing for the next book sale on May 2 and 3. We need your book donations to make the sale exciting and fun! Proceeds will be used to buy more books, videos, CDs, DVD's and other items not included in the new building bond measure.



Emergency preparedness - West Nile Virus

Being well informed is one of the best ways to deal with anxiety about the West Nile Virus (WNV). WNV is a naturally occurring virus in birds. Mosquitoes that feed on infected birds can transmit the virus to humans, although human illness from WNV is rare.

The presence of WNV activity in Oregon is anticipated in 2003. For more information about the disease and what you can do to protect yourself and your family, call the Oregon Department of Human Services toll-free information line at 1-866-703-4636 or the Multnomah County West Nile Virus information line at 503-988-6453. The following websites are also informative: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/> or <http://mchealthinspect.org/vector/wnv.html>.

Board and Committee openings

Library Board - The City of Tigard has three openings on the Library Board. The board consists of seven members who serve four-year terms. The board focuses on providing quality library services to the community and advises the City Manager and City Council regarding library policies, budget, facilities, etc. One board member may reside outside Tigard city limits. An alternate may also be appointed.

Budget Committee - There are two openings on the Budget Committee. This committee reviews the proposed budget, makes adjustments and forwards the budget to the City Council for adoption. The committee consists of five Tigard residents and the City Council. Community members serve three-year terms. The Committee meets quarterly and is usually busier in the spring. An alternate may also be appointed.

Alternates receive the same information and training given to members and are encouraged to attend meetings although their attendance is not required. If a committee member resigns midterm, the Council may appoint the alternate to the vacant position.

Applications for the current openings will be accepted through April 30.

If you are interested in applying for the Library Board or Budget Committee, please complete a Citizen Interest Application. Application forms are available in the lobby of City Hall and the Tigard Library and can also be found on the city web site www.ci.tigard.or.us, on the "volunteer opportunities" page. Questions? Please call the Volunteer Coordinator Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171, ext. 2402.

More street trees have been planted!!

Several more neighborhoods throughout Tigard have taken advantage of the city's Street Tree Planting Program. This program, available to Tigard neighborhoods and homeowners, provides free street trees for public right-of-way areas along city streets.

One of the neighborhoods that took advantage of this program is the Hillshire Woods Subdivision. This neighborhood is on Bull Mountain. Susan Hareland, a resident of the community, spearheaded the entire tree planting project. A total of 24 street trees were planted along Ascension Drive.

Another neighborhood that planted street trees was the Summerlake community. Wayne McCrosky, the President of the Homeowners Association, took control of this project and made sure that street trees once again lined the neighborhood streets. A total of 60 trees were planted throughout the Summerlake community.

Leslie Fischer, the Property Manager for Driftwood Terrace Apartments, worked with City Forester Matt Stine to have 17 trees planted in the planter strip in front of the apartment complex along McDonald Street. These trees will be enjoyed by the people living in the apartments as well as the hundreds who pass by every day.

Three more Tigard neighborhoods are in the process of planting more street trees. If you or your neighbors are interested in receiving free street trees, please contact City Forester Matt Stine at 503-639-4171, ext. 2589.

TRA & the Fired-Up Dancers

The Fired-Up Dancers are hosting a Spring Dance Concert and Benefit on Saturday, April 26th at the Tigard Grange Hall, 13770 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard at 2 and 4 p.m. This children's dance troupe was recently invited to perform during half-time for the San Francisco 49ers this fall and are raising funds to offset travel expenses. Admission is \$5 per person and includes pizza and salad. Tickets are available now by calling Tigard Recreation Association at 503-524-8794.



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Tigard City Council Action Recap!

For additional information about any of the items listed below, please contact City Recorder Cathy Wheatley at 503-639-4171, ext. 2410. Council packet information can be found on the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us or at the library. Audio and video tape recordings of most meetings are also available at the library. For the cable television schedule of broadcast Council meetings, see page 2.

City Council Meeting highlights for the past month

- Proclaimed April 5 as Vision and Hearing Day; March 14 and 15 as National Wildlife Refuge Centennial Commemoration; and April 21-27 as National Community Development Week
- Heard an update on the New Tigard Library
- Heard an update on the Highway 217 Study
- Reviewed the proposed Wall Street Local Improvement District Initial Report
- Considered establishing a Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Heard an update on the Urban Growth Boundary Expansion and Scope
- Discussed the proposed street maintenance fee
- Previewed and discussed the Atfalati Recreation District Concession Agreement options
- Considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County regarding the West Nile Virus Response Plan
- Discussed community outreach meetings
- Heard an update on the Qwest/Verizon franchise fee audit
- Considered a resolution granting a property tax exemption for three non-profit, low-income housing projects
- Considered a resolution accepting and endorsing the commuter rail station design recommendations from the Downtown Task Force

Future Council Agenda Items

- Conduct a joint meeting with the City of Tualatin Council and the Tigard-Tualatin School District Board
- Receive the annual Volunteer Report
- Discuss the Strategic Financial Plan
- Discuss and consider the Atfalati Recreation District Concession Agreement & Repayment Schedule
- Receive an update on the long-term water supply
- Receive an update on the communication plan
- Discuss alternatives for the downtown redevelopment plan
- Receive an update on the new library
- Discuss legislative issues with State Representative Max Williams and State Senator Ginny Burdick
- Hear an introduction to the Community Assessment Program
- Discuss and consider a recommendation on whether to continue to participate in the proposed Bull Run Regional Drinking Water Agency